1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 11 MELISSA GODSEY, Case No. 2:19-cv-1498-RSM 12 STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR Plaintiff, 13 **EXTENSION OF TIME TO** RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S v. 14 MOTION FOR FEES AND COSTS KATHLEEN HAWK SAWYER, et al., 15 16 Defendants. 17 18 **JOINT STIPULATION** 19 The Parties, by and through their counsel of record, hereby jointly STIPULATE 20 AND AGREE to the following extensions concerning Plaintiff's Motion for Fees and 21 Costs (Dkt. No. 23): 22 **Deadline Old Deadline** 23 Defendants' filing of December 30, 2019

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On November 26, 2019, the Parties finalized a settlement agreement resolving this case, with the exception of the issue of attorneys' fees and costs. Dkt. No. 21, Ex. 1. On December 3, 2019, the Court entered the Parties' proposed order dismissing the case without prejudice and retaining jurisdiction to resolve disputes arising under the settlement. Dkt. No. 22. Plaintiff filed a motion for attorneys' fees and costs on December 17, 2019, with a noting date of January 3, 2020. Dkt. No. 23.

Defendants seek an extension to respond to Plaintiff's motion for two reasons. First, due to the holidays, many personnel, including counsel for Defendants will be out of the office, causing the December 30, 2019, response deadline to be inadequate. Second, and more importantly, both Parties have expressed that they are open to discussing settlement of fees and costs, which would obviate the need for Plaintiff's motion. However, Defendants will require additional time prior to engaging in settlement discussions as counsel will need to seek the appropriate settlement authorizations beforehand. As this is the only remaining issue in this case, there is good cause to grant the Parties' stipulated request because if settled, further briefing in regards to Plaintiff's motion would be unnecessary. Accordingly, the Parties request the extensions set forth above.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2019.

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## **ORDER**

The parties having so stipulated and agreed and for good cause shown, it is SO ORDERED. The time to respond to Plaintiff's Motion for Fees and Costs (Dkt. No. 23) is as follows:

<u>Deadline</u>	Old Deadline	New Deadline
Defendants' filing of opposition papers	December 30, 2019	January 27, 2020
Plaintiff's filing of reply papers	January 3, 2020	January 31, 2020
Noting Dated	January 3, 2020	January 31, 2020

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

RICARDO S. MARTINEZ CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE